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Three Important Messages

2010	SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTIONS	Information Session Monday evening, 7:30pm, staffroom 4 parent representative positions Come along Find out about being a trustee
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Official Opening ICT Suite Friday, 19th March

Your family's personal invitation is attached

National Standards Board Information Package

Your outline of the Board approach is attached



Nga mihi nui ki nga whanau o to tatou kura

Road Patrol – special meeting

Thirteen parents attended the meeting with Constable Aaron Dann, NZ Police, school and Board representatives on Monday morning to discuss possible solutions to our ongoing issues with patrols at Box Hill, Woodmancote and Clark Street.

A plan has been developed which includes:-

- Full *training for all adults* assisting with supervision at all three crossings.
- Returning the Year 6 patrollers to Box Hill with the adult supervisor more actively involved in managing the traffic.
- Meeting with the council to advocate for motorist warning mechanism on Box Hill and safer crossing system on Woodmancote Road.
- Regular messages to our parent community to outline expectations and overcome the dangerous driving and pedestrian practices exhibited by some.

Training Session

New strategies for more active involvement of adults managing traffic will be taught and implemented.

We strongly encourage all parents who have children who are road patrollers or wardens to come along to the special training session offered by Constable Aaron Dann, Police Education officer on **Thursday, 11th March at 9:00am**.

We ask parents to support their children in the extremely important and highly responsible role they undertake by providing supervision on a roster basis. Other parents interested in offering to support patrollers and wardens are also welcome to attend.

Expectations of all parents

We encourage all other parents to support the children and adult supervisors who are giving generously of their time to keep all our children safe by using the crossing, showing patience, courtesy and co-operation!

A flier is under development which clearly outlines our expectations for parents. This will be distributed with next week's newsletter.

Library Books

Earlier this week, we received an email regarding the notification of overdue library books sent home each week. The beginning of the year is a good opportunity to outline the procedures used for all parents.

The library, reading and the love of literature is actively encouraged and supported within our school. The library is an integral part of classroom programmes and is open during lunchtime. Approximately \$2,000 is spent annually on maintaining and developing our collection.

Overdue Books

- On a weekly basis, our librarian prints reminders for overdue books and delivers these to children.
- Each week between 80 – 100 books are not returned by the due date!
- After one month and about 4 reminders, a letter addressed to the family requesting a contribution towards the cost of replacement is sent.

Our Aims

- Develop children's awareness and sense of personal responsibility for our valuable resources.
- Alert children and their families as soon as possible when books are overdue.
- Minimise loss. In any one year we lose in excess of 250 books! We have found that the sooner children and families are alerted to the fact that books are overdue, the more likely it is that books will be returned.
- Reduce the portion of our library budget which is used to replace lost books so that we can grow our collection!

Electronic Newsletters

From next week, we will start to roll out electronic newsletters in our efforts to reduce time and money spent on weekly photocopying as we work towards becoming more ecologically sustainable. Each child has a school email address which will be used for this purpose. They will receive a letter when their class starts using this system. Newsletters will also be available on the school website with hard copies available for collection from the office.

A separate notice will come home with your child once their class has learnt how to access and use their email address from school and home. Please remember the address can only be used within the Khandallah School learning environment.

School Donation Requests

Thank you to the significant number of school families who have responded so promptly to school donation requests. Thanks also to those donating a little extra. You are all awesome!

Helen O'Grady Children's Drama Academy

Applications close tomorrow, Friday 5th March.

Thanks

- Parents attending the road patrol meeting on Monday morning.
- Everyone attending the Home and School Annual General Meeting.
- Outgoing members of the Home and School. We appreciate your efforts over the past year.

Coming Events

7 Mar	National Children's Day
8 Mar	Board of Trustees Elections Information Session, 7:30pm
9 Mar	National Standards Q&A with the Minister
10 Mar	Assembly, 2:15pm
18 Mar	BOT meeting
19 Mar	ICT Suite Official Opening, 5:00pm
24 Mar	Assembly, 2:15pm
29-31	National Standards Bus Tour visits Wellington
1 Apr	End of Term 1
19 Apr	Term 2 begins

Finally,

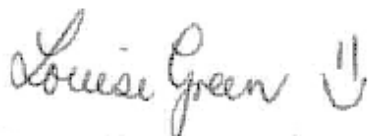
On Monday night, the Home and School held their Annual General Meeting. Nine people attended - 3 current members, 2 parents, 2 board members and 2 staff members. Apologies were received from another 4 members. It is staggering to think that we have over 250 families and that fewer than 3% attended the meeting.

This seemed a real pity because, with the support of our whole school community, the Home and School Association has raised \$37,104 and had fun doing it! During 2009, \$44,600 was donated to our school. This has been used to purchase library books and the server, computers and screen for the ICT Suite.

During the meeting the efforts of the 2009 committee were acknowledged by Bill Courtney, on behalf of the board, and myself on behalf of the staff. We can all feel very grateful that the enthusiasm and commitment of this small core of dedicated parents is able to co-ordinate and motivate others to support our school through a number of successful ventures such as the classroom working bees, Kaukau Challenge, Family Gala, Mothers' Movie Night, Fathers' Day Breakfast, Entertainment Books, General Knowledge Quiz, Student Discos and Sausage Sizzles.

I sincerely hope that the even smaller 2010 committee continues to receive the full support of our parent community and I encourage others to come along to the next meeting on 19 April to give support.

Arohanui



Louise Green
Principal

Get Wise

Last week Jeffrey Crosby, from ASB Get Wise programme, came to school to teach financial literacy lessons. Each class had a lesson on money sense.

Junior school children were given a description about bank accounts and eftpos cards. They learnt about good and services, needs and wants.

Middle school children worked on money recognition and started to identify some international currencies. They learnt about debit and credit cards and saving for future goals. The idea of shopping around to get the best deal was encouraged.

The seniors focused on budgeting, saving and earning money from interest. They were taught to keep receipts to help them keep track of what they spent on bank statements. They looked at warranties, terms and conditions and also they way debt could affect them.

Some key phrases were:

- ✓ "Spend some on you and save some too".
- ✓ "Shop around, shop around, up and down".

Further financial literacy lessons will be taught by, Amy Miller when she is covering classroom release time this term.



Thanks to **Karen Grant** and **Amy Miller** organisers.

Community Notices

Feline Dance

Feline Dance has some availability coming up soon and we have some new classes ahead.

We are a community dance group, and have been running for 11 years locally. We focus on fun dance including hip hop, jazz, creative and a little contemporary all rolled into one class. We are definitely about boosting self esteem, and also team work is a major part of what we do. Everyone, absolutely everyone, gets a chance to shine in our shows. NO need to have had previous experience just a positive attitude to give it a go, all are welcome. We open our doors so to speak once a year for some new spaces. The average stay with Feline Dance is 3-4 yrs and people tell us that what they love is the “feel” so if you are looking for something a bit different around dance for your daughter, please give Fiona a call for more details or to secure a space. First come, first served.

Where: Khandallah School hall
How much: \$80 per term, if she doesn't LOVE it you get your money back
What to wear: Anything comfortable, no formal outfit, no exams
When: Thursdays and Tuesdays after school, Wednesdays in J/ville and Saturday am (for age 4 and 5 yrs only)
Age range: 4 to 14 yrs, mostly same age classes

Fiona Hunter is also a proud sponsor of CanTeen, teenage cancer charity. Profits and show proceeds go to them and have done for 11 years, everyone wins. If you are interested call Fiona on 479 2877 or 021 800 212 or email Fiona @feline-dance.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT 7 MARCH 2010

Each year Presbyterian Support Central, with our Family Works brand, recognise Children's Day by hosting an event for children and their families to attend.

This year in conjunction with the Wellington City Library we are celebrating **Children's Day**, by hosting a '**Story-time**' event.

Date and Time: Sunday, 7 March, 1.45pm – 3.30pm

From 1.45 – 2.15 there will be opportunity for children to enjoy colouring in and face-painting, provided by Presbyterian Support Central. From 2.15 – 3.00 a story will be read to children by three guest readers.

Steve Joll from The Breeze
Gregory Fortuin from the Families Commission
Julia Hennessy, Family Works General Manager

After the story reading children will be free to stay on and enjoy the colouring in and face-painting until 3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you and your children on Sunday, 7 March.

“I’m listening! Are you?”

Help your children develop into successful, responsible adults as you apply proven communication skills that create happier, more satisfying relationships within your family. This practical one-day course will provide skills to, as one parenting expert said, “talk so your children will listen, and listen so your children will talk.”

Date: Saturday 27th March, 9.30 am -4.00 pm
Venue: Wellington High School, Community Education
Tutor: Ava Gibson
Investment: \$75
To enrol: Go to Wellington High School’s Community Education programme,
www.cecwellington.ac.nz/course/parent
<http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/course/parent> , or phone on 04 385 8919

Cheerleading

All Star Cheerleaders is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary.
For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.

Harbour City Rugby League

2010 Season – Harbour City Rugby League – Registrations and Open Day Sunday the 14th March 2010 at Martin Luckie at 1.00 to 3.00pm
Registrations 1.00-1.30 Games and competitions 1.30 to 2.30 and sausage sizzle afterwards – competitions and prizes.

Club plays in the Wellington Rugby League Competition with Teams in most Age Groups from 5 to 17

All coaches are qualified

Focus is on a safe, family atmosphere

Registration is \$30 per player or \$50 for a family.

Uniforms and mouthguards are provided

Trainings at Martin Luckie Park, Newtown

Season kicks off on April 17th 2010

NORTHERN UNITED CHILDRENS HOCKEY REGISTRATION 2010

Saturday 6 March 3pm to 5 pm

Sunday 7 March 1pm to 3 pm

Venue; Upstairs at McDonalds Johnsonville

All are welcome

We cater for experienced or beginner players from 4 yrs up

Competitive Saturday grades and beginner/ development squad on Sunday afternoons

No experience necessary , Coaching provided, balls and sticks available
Any Questions etc contact Gavin on 972-3609 or gn@paradise.net.nz

Saxophone & Clarinet teacher

Classical and Jazz Performance and Theory Lessons

Phone: 027 424 3869

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PRIDE LANDS APRIL 2010 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Pride Lands is running School Holiday Programmes in WILTON, BERHAMPORE, NEWTOWN, MT. COOK and SEATOUN this April 5th - 16th January 2010.

For more information of the programme outline visit: WWW.PRIDELANDS.ORG.NZ or call 04 907 2225.

There are only 30 spaces available in each programme, so please enrol as soon as possible.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!